

Today's Advertisements.

THEATRE ROYAL CITY HALL
Lunch: Messrs. POLLARD & CHESTER.

POLLARD'S LILLIPUTIAN OPERA COMPANY.

Under the Distinguished Patronage of
H.E. The Governor Sir Wm. ROBINSON, G.C.M.G.
H.E. Major-General BLACK, C.B.
Commodore HOLLAND, R.M.

TO-NIGHT (FRIDAY), July 30th.
R. Sapp's Popular Comic Opera
"BOCCACCIO."

TO-MORROW
SATURDAY AFTERNOON, July 31st.
Grand Matinee
"H.M.S. PINAFORE."
Children and Amateurs Half Price to all parts of the house.

SATURDAY EVENING, July 31st.
"LA MASCOTTE."

MONDAY, August 2nd.
"DOROTHY."

TUESDAY, August 3rd.
"H.M.S. PINAFORE."

Plan at W. ROBINSON & CO'S, Music Warehouse.

PRICES\$3, \$2 & \$1.
Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform Half Price to and Back Seats only.
Late Trains will leave 15 minutes after each Performance.

C. A. POLLARD, Manager.
Hongkong, 30th July, 1897. [1171]

TO LET.

HOUSES Nos. 3 and 4, DES VŒUX VILLAS, PEAK.
HOUSES in BELILIOS TERRACE.
SHOP in BANK BUILDINGS, Queen's Road.
"BRACONSFIELD"—Offices now occupied by Messrs. BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE—Possession from 1st September next.
BUNGALOW No. 35, Pokokiam Road, with Large Grounds.
GODOWN in DUNDRELL STREET.
Apply to BELILIOS & Co. [1174]
Hongkong, 30th July, 1897.

FOR SHANGHAI
THE Steamship
"LOONGMOON."
Captain F. W. Scholz, will be despatched for the above Port TO-MORROW, the 31st instant, at 4 P.M., instead of as previously advertised. For Freight or Passage, apply to SIEMSEN & Co. Hongkong, 30th July, 1897. [1159]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.
FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.
THE Company's Steamship
"FORMOSA."
Captain Robson, will be despatched for the above Ports on SUNDAY, the 1st August, at Daylight. For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LARRAIK & Co., General Managers. Hongkong, 30th July, 1897. [1172]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.
FOR FOCHOW.
THE Company's Steamship
"CHINGTU."
Captain Jones, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 2nd August, at 2 P.M. For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents. Hongkong, 30th July, 1897. [1167]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.
FOR SHANGHAI.
THE Company's Steamship
"WOOSUNG."
Captain Clegg, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 4th August, at 2 P.M. For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents. Hongkong, 30th July, 1897. [1173]

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.
(Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA, PERMAN GULF, CONTINENTAL AND AMERICAN PORTS).

THE Steamship
"THAMES,"
Captain E. R. Dowell, R.N.R., carrying Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for BOMBAY, E.C., on THURSDAY, the 12th August, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports. This Steamer connects at Bombay with the S.S. *Rome* leaving that Port on the 20th August for London direct.

Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other Cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed via Bombay.

Passengers will be received at this Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The Contents and Value of all Packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further Particulars, apply to H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent.
Hongkong, 30th July, 1897.

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DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & COMPANY,
VICTORIA DISPENSARY,
HONGKONG.

AERATED WATERS.

SIMPLE AERATED WATER.

SODA WATER.

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GINGER ALE.

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RASPBERRYADE, &c.

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & Co.'s WATERS are made under the constant supervision of a duly qualified English Chemist and will bear comparison with the best English Manufactures.

Special terms to HOTELS, CLUBS, MESSES and other Large Consumers.
Any complaints should be addressed to the Manager.
Hongkong, 1st March, 1897. [1320]

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BIRTH.
On the 29th instant, at "Hillside," The Peak, the wife of R. M. GRAY, of a son.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, JULY 30, 1897.

TELEGRAMS.

REUTERS' MESSAGES.

SEDITION IN INDIA.

LONDON, July 28th.
The Hon. Tilak, a member of the Bombay Council, has been arrested on a charge of exciting disaffection. Three leading Brahmins in Poona have also been arrested on the same charge.

THE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.

Russia opposes Germany's proposals relative to the war indemnity. The German Ambassador has referred home for instructions.

THE RISING AT CHITRAL.

The rising at Chitral has assumed serious dimensions.

THE NEW MAIL CONTRACTS.

The House of Commons has approved of the Mail Contracts with the P. & O. and the Orient Lines.

(From Gazette d'Haiphong)

CHOLERA EPIDEMIC AT BOMBAY.
PARIS, July 23rd.
There have been many deaths from cholera at Bombay.

EVACUATION OF THESSALY.

It is rumoured that the evacuation of Thessaly by the Turks has commenced.

NAVAL VOTE.

PARIS, July 21st.
The Chamber and the Senate have voted a supplementary credit of seven millions for supplies for the navy.

TYPHOON WARNING.

Senior José de Navarro, Spanish Consul at this port, has courteously favoured us with a copy of the following telegram received from Manila:—

A new depression is developing towards the N. of Luzon near Batavia Channel.

At 4 p.m. the barometer read 29.58, falling.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

SIR JOHN Carrington has kindly consented to present the prizes at the Bellios Public School to-morrow, at 4 p.m.

MR. CHOA GIANG TRY has been nominated to be a Municipal Commissioner for the Municipality of Singapore town, *vice* Mr. Seah Lian Seah, resigned.

The portions of the Governor's interesting review of Hongkong affairs in 1896, which we could not insert last night, will be published in our next issue.

THE Russian Volunteer steamer *Tambov*, with troops from Europe for Vladivostok, arrived at Singapore on the 24th instant and resumed her voyage after coaling.

TWO overseas ships, from Cardiff, laden with coal, arrived this morning. One was the *Angora*, which left Cardiff on April 20th, and the other was the *Storra Nevada*, which left on April 7th.

AFTER the whole of our news space was filled we received two progress reports of the Ollivers Mines. Both of them are entirely satisfactory and will be published in *extenso* in our next issue.

THE Straits Council has voted \$450,000 for the improvement of Penang harbour. When shall we have a vote for lighting properly the entrances to Hongkong—the dangerous Dumbell Rock, for instance?

A TELEGRAM from Macassar dated 18th inst. states that Bishop Mgr. Staal died at sea on his voyage to Banda. His body was to be interred at Batavia. The cause of death is supposed to be a severe attack of malaria.

DR. SIMOND, who has been specially instructed and selected for the service by Dr. Yersin, is coming to China shortly from Tonkin with a large quantity of Dr. Yersin's plague serum, and will probably proceed to Amoy to treat plague patients.

RE the *Fern* piracy, the Radja of Simpang Olum and the princes of Kerit have been requested by the Netherlands Government to immediately deliver up the murderers and everything that they took away with them.

LATEST accounts from the Straits respecting the ravages of cholera in Java are serious enough in all conscience. Up to the 17th instant 2,118 cases and 1,075 deaths were reported at Demak.

Regarding the cholera in Samarang the *Lancet* writes that the disease at the very commencement takes a violent type, and runs a rapid course, most cases proving fatal within four hours of the attack. In Samarang 10 died, and 21 new cases were reported on the 16th instant.

THERE seems to be plenty of work for the oil-tank steamers just now. During the last 35 hours there had been no fewer than four of these vessels in port. The *Nord* which arrived this morning had over 6,000 tons of oil on board, "not for Hongkong," probably for Shanghai or some other coast port. She comes from Batavia and Singapore. In view of the importance of this trade, it can easily be understood that the attention was drawn in our columns on Wednesday evening has excited a good deal of interest in mercantile circles.

The Singapore police have made a haul of some seventy counterfeit British dollars, made of tin and such-like base metals. The British dollar is somewhat rough in finish, but rather adds to the "smasher," says the *Free Press*. So Eng Ban was up before Mr. Elicum in connection with the counterfeiting on the 23th.

A CHINESE woman charged with theft at the Magistracy to-day has evidently a very poor estimate of the scholarly capacity of her compatriots in Hongkong. The mistress of Hollywood Road brothel gave her some money with which to pay the rent of the brothel, also some property to pawn if the money were insufficient. Her next move was to get on board a steamer for Canton, and when arrested she said she was going to "find a man there who could read and write, so that she might know what to do."

Mr. Woodhouse said it was a very bad case and sent the defendant "in" for six months' hard labour.

"An Englishman" writes to the *Singapore Free Press* from Macassar on the 13th July reporting that a British subject, a native of Singapore, named Paul Henry Valberg, who was arrested on a charge of embezzlement from an English firm in Macassar, has been kept in prison for nearly six months by the Dutch authorities without being brought to trial. The correspondent says there is no proof of his guilt and that he is dying of heart-failure and fever.—If the man is guilty he should have been tried long ago; if he is not guilty then he should be at once liberated and the Dutch authorities be requested to make the *amende honorable* without delay.

We notice that the bathing nuisance, to which we have so frequently called attention, still continues on the section of the reclamation immediately to the west of Pedder's Wharf. This morning fully a dozen coolies were bathing from the partially built sea wall with a rag of any sort upon them, and as they played about as much out of the water as in it the sight of them was anything but pleasant to ladies passing along the Praya in the vicinity. A group of naked boys bathing from the Praya front is bad enough, but when it comes to full-grown men disporting themselves as nude as the day they were born we certainly think it is time for the Police to put an end to the nuisance.

THE many Hongkong friends of Miss Elsie Adair will be sorry to hear that she had a "bad turn" while performing at the Criterion Theatre, Sydney, on July 4th. By to-day's Australian mail we learn that Miss Adair and her company were giving an "American night" on July 4th. After responding to four encores for her songs Miss Adair came on for a skirt dance (and she is described as the best ever seen in Sydney). In the fourth dance, the charming danseuse fainted and fell heavily on the stage. The curtain was rung down and the audience were dismissed. Miss Adair remained in a swoon until after she had been taken to her hotel, and was next day able to rest. Dr. Fischl was in attendance, and stated that absolute rest was essential. It was evident that Miss Adair would not be able to appear for some time. Without her the show would be empty, and the management had to close the season. "This is the more to be regretted," says the *Evening News*, "as the show was one of the best of its kind in many respects Sydney has seen. Should the company be able to reopen for a farewell season, they may rest assured of excellent business, and, as a matter of fact, the merits of the entertainment were only beginning to be known when the untimely end came."

THE QUEEN'S ROAD CATASTROPHE.

MASTERNAL INQUIRY.

An enquiry into the deaths of the men who lost their lives through the collapse of buildings in Queen's Road West on the morning of the 28th inst. was held at the Magistracy to-day by Mr. H. E. Woodhouse.

Dr. Bell gave evidence that he had examined two bodies at the mortuary on the 28th inst. One was that of a man, aged about 25 years, and who had died from asphyxia. The other body was that of a man, aged 30, who had died from asphyxia. He said that the man who had died from asphyxia had been crushed by the collapse of the building.

Sergeant John Gaudin deposed that he was called to Nos. 248 and 250, Queen's Road West, on the morning of the 28th inst. He found the buildings had collapsed and had rescued two persons. At 12.30 he saw the bodies of deceased and helped to remove them. The names of Lau Tai Sing were first seen under bricks and rubble. A small distance away the forehead of an Ming was noticed. They were both clothed and were quite dead. He noticed no wounds on them. Witness sent them to the mortuary.

Ram Ping, a barber, gave evidence that he occupied the ground floor of No. 250 and knew the deceased Lau Tai Sing, who was about 50 years of age and kept an opium den on the first floor. He recognised his body at the mortuary.

Kwong Tai, a cooper, said he had identified the body of an Ming, who was a cooper and 24 years of age.

Li Sang, a barber, deposed that he was on the ground floor of No. 250 between 7 and 8 a.m. on the 28th. He heard a noise and saw dust coming through the floor above. He called to the people in the shop to run out and he ran out himself. The partition wall came down bringing the floor above with it. The floor came down immediately after he heard the noise.

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